

TOWN OF IPSWICH  
Ipswich Shellfish Advisory Committee to the Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday January 13, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Shellfish Advisory Committee to the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in room A of the Town Hall. Members present were Co-Chair Charles Surpitski, Wayne Castonguay, Linda Alexson and Michael Lambros and Brenda Turner. Also, Police Chief Paul Nikas and Recording Secretary Marie Rodgers. Constable Scott LaPreste, Elizabeth Kilcoyne and David Swicker were not present.

Mr. Surpitski opened the meeting and spoke to the recent discovery of membership discrepancies. He noted discrepancies to be sorted out, meanwhile, he urged the four members to submit applications to be reinstated on the Committee; meanwhile, he will speak with Town Counsel.

**Citizen's Queries** – there were none

Shellfish Constable was not present due to illness; his report was tabled.

**Green crab funding 2015**

Chief Nikas reported that the request for \$15,000 is in his budget; if it gets through the budget process, it may be available July 2015. Discussion ensued regarding when funds would be available; as well as, the monies from the enhancement fund. Further discussion was held concerning sources for funding; Constable LaPreste is working with Senator Bruce Tarr to find a market for green crabs in the food industry.

**Oyster Resource**

Mr. Castonguay submitted a document titled Ipswich Shellfish Subcommittee of the Selectman Oyster & Enforcement Subcommittee Draft Recommendations \*Confidential\* no date. (hereby incorporated by reference). Mr. Castonguay reviewed the subcommittees recommendations. The Committee members discussed fee increases and other changes to increase revenue. Chief Nikas submitted three documents and spoke to revenue and expenditures. Shellfish Licenses & Permits and Shellfish Department FY16 Budget (hereby incorporated by reference).

The members concurred the resource is threatened and now is the time to act and invest; all advocated for an additional deputy. Discussion was held regarding timing strategy and procedures to review and amend the regulations and change fee schedule, over 60 and reinstate the out of state license; additionally, look at enforcement and fines. Chief will review the proposal with the Constable.

**Ipswich River update**

Mr. Castonguay reported on the testing conducted with the Constable, DEP and the Ipswich Waste Water Treatment Plant. Farley Brook was not the smoking gun they thought it was; it tested clean. It is apparent that it's more complicated than anticipated; new strategies will be contemplated.

**Hardship application**

Chief Nikas related that the hardship application is finished. After the Constable reviews it, it will be available.

### **New Business**

Ms. Turner questioned who the part time deputies are and complained that no one knows them. Chief will have all three deputies attend a meeting to introduce themselves.

Ms. Turner initiated discussion regarding daily reports from the deputies. Mr. Lambros and Ms. Turner felt that review of reports may bring issues to light and benefit the work they do as a Committee. Chief will provide Constable Reports for members to review.

Approval of minutes (December 2, 2014) were tabled to February meeting.

Chief Nikas announced that Jennings flat was de-regulated and is no longer closed every other day.

**Next Meeting** –Tuesday, February 3, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Rodgers

These minutes were approved on February 3, 2015.